

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2017-2-E ORDER NO. 2018-39-H

MARCH 27, 2018

Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs for South Carolina Electric & Gas Company

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request of Counsel for the Charleston International Manufacturing Center (“CIMC”) for an Extension of Time from April 27, 2018 until and including August 25, 2018, to connect its solar facilities to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”)

STANDING HEARING OFFICER’S ACTION:

Counsel for CIMC requests an extension of time from April 27, 2018 until and including August 25, 2018 to connect its solar facilities to SCE&G. Counsel notes that in Order No. 2018-189, the Commission granted SolBright from April 27, 2018 to August 25, 2018 to connect to SCE&G’s facilities, and the Commission invited other entities similarly situated to request similar relief from it. Counsel notes that, as a similarly situated entity, CIMC requests the same relief.

CIMC is an international business park owned and operated by Cooper River Partners, LLC and also known as Bushy Park, is located near Charleston, South Carolina and has plans to install a one megawatt solar project to serve its business park. Cooper River Partners currently owns and operates an existing one megawatt solar facility serving its business park. Counsel asserts that, although plans for the new one megawatt solar project are well underway, Cooper River Partners has encountered time delays beyond its control.

The Commission had previously acted to grant interested parties time to implement solar development. Commission Order No. 2017-246 allowed customers already approved by SCE&G to participate in the Bill Credit Agreement for Renewable Energy Facilities (“BCA”) program an additional twelve (12) months to successfully interconnect infrastructure facilities to SCE&G’s system. SCE&G’s customers such as Cooper River Partners currently have until April 27, 2018, to interconnect with SCE&G. Counsel for CIMC states that SCE&G consents to Cooper River Partners’ request for an extension

from April 27, 2018, until and including August 25, 2018. Counsel notes its belief that no other party or entity will be prejudiced or adversely affected by this request, and that the expansion of solar generation is in the public interest. Accordingly, for the reasons set out, Cooper River Partners requests that the Commission grant it an extension of time from April 27, 2018, until and including August 25, 2018, to connect its solar facilities to SCE&G.

After consideration of the reasoning set out by counsel for CIMC, the request for extension is hereby granted. Clearly, CIMC and/or Cooper River Partners are in circumstances similar to those that the Commission considered in the Solbright Energy Order, Order No. 2018-189. Further, SCE&G consents to the requested extension. Accordingly, the extension requested by Cooper River Partners from April 27, 2018, until and including August 25, 2018 is granted.